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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
) Examiner: E.F. Landrum
Dennis J. Peterlin)
) Group Art Unit: 3724
Title: RAZOR BLADES HAVING A)
NON-LINEAR CUTTING EDGE AND A)
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE) Confirmation No. 8049
THEREOF)
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Serial No.: 10/814,457)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on April 8, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required the election of a single Group of disclosed inventions for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner alleges that the claims of this application are directed to two groups of patentably distinct inventions, viz., Group I (claims 1-11 (drawn to a method for making razor blades)) and Group II (claims 12-30 (drawn to a razor blade)). The Examiner alleges that Groups I and II are distinct, each from the other because the inventions of Groups I and II are related as process of making and product made.

In addition, the Examiner states that if Group II is elected, then the applicant must further elect a single species from the following two patentably distinct Species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Species A - the cutting edge being single faceted and
Species B - the cutting edge being double faceted.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Species A for prosecution. The claims readable on Group II, Species A are claims 12-28 and 30.

Applicant understands that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

Applicant believes that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicant believes that no fees are due with the submission of this Response. If, however, it is deemed that any fees are in fact due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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